

[0164] Referring to FIG. 13, a memory system 1400 may include a memory controller 1410, and at least one memory module 1420 and 1430, but is not limited thereto.

[0165] The memory controller 1410 may control the memory modules 1420 and 1430 so as to perform commands applied and/or transmitted from a processor, a host, etc. The memory controller 1410 may be implemented inside a processor, a host, and/or other processing device, and/or may be implemented with an application processor, a System on Chip (SoC), etc. For signal integrity, a source termination may be implemented on a bus 1440 of the memory controller 1410 through a resistor RTT. Although a VSSQ termination type of ODT is shown in the drawing, a VDD termination type of ODT control may also be performed.

[0166] In FIG. 13, the circuit of FIG. 2 may be included in the memory controller 1410 according to at least one example embodiment.

[0167] The first memory module 1420 and the second memory module 1430 may be connected to the memory controller 1410 through the bus 1440. The first memory module 1420 and the second memory module 1430 may include a plurality of semiconductor memory chips (e.g., semiconductor dies or devices) mounted onto a Printed Circuit Board (PCB), respectively, but is not limited thereto. For example, in the case of Dual In-line Memory Module (DIMM) type, the type of the memory module may be RDIMM, LRDIMM, FRDIMM, etc., but is not limited thereto. The semiconductor memory devices constituting the memory module may be divided into two or more ranks. That is, in the case of dual rank structure, a plurality of semiconductor memory devices mounted onto a board of the memory module may be classified into two ranks, and semiconductor memory devices pertaining to the same rank may be simultaneously accessed. Consequently, the rank may mean a unit by which the memory controller inputs and outputs data with respect to the semiconductor memory devices. Accordingly, when a single rank has a 64-bit data transmission width, a dual rank may have a data transmission width larger about 2 times than the single rank, and a quad rank may have a data transmission width larger four times than the single rank.

[0168] The first memory module 1420 may include at least one memory rank R1 and R2, and the second memory module 1430 may include at least one memory rank R3 and R4.

[0169] In at least one example embodiment of the inventive concepts, the memory ranks R1, R2, R3 and R4 may be connected by a multi-drop type in which data and/or address signals are transmitted and received through the same transmission line. The memory ranks R1, R2, R3 and R4 (i.e., the respective semiconductor memory devices included in each of the memory ranks) may be arranged in a plurality of rows, respectively and may be connected to at least one command/address register by a fly-by ring topology, a daisy chain topology, etc. Also, the memory ranks R1, R2, R3 and R4 may be terminated to at least one module resistor unit which provides termination resistance of $R_{tt}/2$.

[0170] In FIG. 13, the memory system 1400 may generate a clean data strobe signal without performing a training operation, by the support of the circuit as shown in FIG. 2. Advantageously, a delay circuit and delay control circuit which are related to delay control of the data strobe signal may not be needed. Also, since a portion of data strobe

signal of the asynchronization domain can be masked without a signal training operation, the time taken (or in other words, the time required) to generate the clean data strobe signal may be shortened. Accordingly, the operation performance of the memory system 1400 may be improved.

[0171] In FIG. 13, the semiconductor memory devices constituting the memory module have been illustrated as being implemented with volatile semiconductor memory devices (e.g., DRAM), but in other example embodiments, the volatile semiconductor memory devices may be replaced with non-volatile semiconductor memory devices (e.g., MRAM, etc.). Volatile semiconductor memory devices such as SRAM or DRAM may lose stored data when power supply is cut off. On the contrary, non-volatile semiconductor memory devices, such as Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM), may maintain stored data even though power supply is cut off. Accordingly, in order to prevent data being lost by power supply failure or interruption, non-volatile semiconductor memory devices may be used to store data. Additionally, when Spin Transfer Torque Magnetoresistive Random Access Memory (STT-MRAM) constitutes the memory, the advantages of MRAM may be added in addition to the advantages of DRAM.

[0172] FIG. 14 is a block diagram illustrating an application example applied to a computing system according to at least one example embodiment.

[0173] Referring to FIG. 14, a computing system 1500 may include a processor 1510, a system controller 1520, and a memory system 1400.

[0174] The computing system 1500 may further include a processor bus 1530, an expansion bus 1540, an input device 1550, an output device 1560, and a storage device 1570. The memory system 1400 may include at least one memory module 1420 and a memory controller for controlling the memory module 1420. The memory controller 1410 may be included in the system controller 1520.

[0175] The processor 1510 may execute various computing functions like execution of specific software which executes specific calculations or tasks. For example, the processor 1510 may be a microprocessor, a Central Processing Unit (CPU), etc. The processor 1510 may be connected to the system controller 1520 through the processor bus 1530 including an address bus, a control bus, and/or a data bus.

[0176] The host interface between the processor 1510 and the system controller 1520 may include various protocols for performing data exchange. For example, the system controller 1520 may be configured to communicate with a host or an external device through at least one of various protocols such as Universal Serial Bus (USB) protocol, MMC (multimedia card) protocol, peripheral component interconnection (PCI) protocol, PCI-Express (PCI-E) protocol, Advanced Technology Attachment (ATA) protocol, Serial-ATA protocol, Parallel-ATA protocol, Small Computer Small Interface (SCSI) protocol, Enhanced Small Disk Interface (ESDI) protocol, Integrated Drive Electronics (IDE) protocol, etc.

[0177] The system controller 1520 may be connected to the expansion bus 1540 such as a Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) bus. Thus, the processor 1510 may control at least one input device 1550 such as a keyboard or a mouse, at least one output device 1560 such as a printer or